#### **WBAMC**

# FAMILY READINESS GROUP NEWSLETTER

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#### Welcome Home

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#### **Hospital Ready**

By Col. Powel WBAMC Hospital Commander



I want to take this opportunity to say "hello". Angie, the kids and I are very pleased to be a part of the William Beaumont team

These are exciting times. We are in the middle of what some folks are calling the "Long War on Terrorism". This puts the hospital in a constant transition requiring us to deploy our professional soldiers to Iraq and Afghanistan on a regular basis. It is a safe bet that we will continue to deploy our folks for the foreseeable future.

WBAMC will see an influx of returning soldiers as a result of some large units deploying to the theatre of operations. 4/1 CAV will shortly deploy and as much as we would like to discount the possibilities, there will be a number of wounded warriors returning that will require our expert care. We will also have significant increase over the next several years in the numbers of soldiers and family members at Fort Bliss.

Each of us, as soldiers and as family members, has a role in meeting this challenge. The Family Readiness Group is one tangible way to support this effort. I am proud to be part of this organization and humbled to be working with all of you.



#### **Operation Holly Daze IV**

Operation Holly Daze IV is back again! We will collect donations for our deployed soldiers Oct. 30 through Nov 9. Boxes will be placed on 1st Floor by the elevators.

Donations should be able to fit in a 11x8x5 size flat rate mailing box.

Suggestions- NO BIG ITEMS PLEASE

Magazines, books, crossword puzzles, playing cards, jerky, envelopes of drink mixes, small holiday decorations, small games, pens, stationary, blank cards, Holiday Socks. Be creative and think of something fun.

Packing the boxes will begin on November 9th at 0930 in the CAR (next to the Credit Union)

POC: Mary Fran LeMar 585-1975 or LEMARHO@aol.com

#### Calendar of Events

Oct. 18 – Job Fair, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Centennial Club, BAAF. Bring resumes and dress for success

Oct. 21-Ft. Bliss Yard Sale Fundraiser at 5544 Roenstock, Ft. Bliss. To make a donation, call 566-1953.

Oct. 28 – Fall Fun Festival 12-3 p.m. at the Ft. Bliss Officer's Club

Oct. 30 – Operation Holly Daze IV Collection begins

Nov. 1 – Ticket Sales begins for WBAMC Holiday Ball (Dec. 9)

Nov. 8 - Blood Drive

Nov. 13 – FRG Monthly Meeting and Holly Daze IV packing – 9:30 a.m. in the CAR

Nov. 23 - Thanksgiving

Dec. 4 – FRG monthly meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Surgical Conference Room

Dec. 9 - WBAMC Holiday Ball 6 p.m. – midnight, Centennial Club, BAAF



#### Fall FRG Fundraiser

Clean out your closets and help the FRG! The FRG is looking for donated items to sell at the Fort Bliss yardsale on Oct. 21. Donated items can be dropped off at the FRG room, 1st Floor on Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Other drop off sites are Westside, Mary Fran at 585-1975, Northeast, Janet Lee at 217-7101 and Fort Bliss, Cindy Barrington at 566-1953. Our yard sale location is at 554 Roenstock, Fort Bliss (new housing area.)

If you would like to help the day of the sale, call Cindy at 566-1953.



O'Club Fall Fun Festival will be on Oct 28th at the Officers Club on Ft Bliss

from 12-3pm. The FRG will have a table and will be selling drinks (soda and water) and popcorn balls. If you would like to make some popcorn balls or work the table for this event, please call Mary Fran (585-1975).

All money made at these two events will be used for the packages we will be sending to our deployed soldiers in November.



#### The FRG Newsletter is now online!

http://www.wbamc.amedd.army.mil/frg/FRGMain.html

If you would like the newsletter sent to you via e-mail, please contact Mary Fran LeMar at LEMARHO@AOL.COM

# Submissions to the newsletter may be sent to Janet Lee at lee2439@sbcglobal.net

#### FRG Officers:

Angie Powell Advisor

Mary Fran LeMarCoordinator585-1975Cindy BarringtonAssistant Treasurer566-1953Janet LeeNewsletter Editor217-7101Debbie KembroSecretary822-9390Mary Fran LeMarFRG POC585-1975

#### **Positions Available:**

- Assistant Coordinator
- Hospitality
- •POC's

If interested please call Mary Fran. 585-1975

#### **Newcomer Services**

- Newcomer Briefings: Daily at ACS--Call 568-1132
- •Junior Enlisted Family Center—can provide food, diapers, and household goods to families in need.
- Project Endeavor (At ACS)—Help for family members seeking employment
- School Liaison (At ACS) information & assistance with schools and home school programs

**Helpful Information:** 

Family Assistance Center: 568-1132

Red Cross: 569-2483 or

Emergency Messages: 1-877-272-7337 WBAMC Appointments 569-CARE (2273)



#### **Notes From the WBAMC FRG**

Autumn is here and maybe the rains have stopped! The last couple of months have been busy ones for us. We have welcomed our new advisor, Angie Powell. We have a new newsletter editor, Janet Lee. The FRG in the next few months will be welcoming home our profis from several CSHs as well as line units who have been gone for a year. We will also be sending off other profis for their tours and connecting with their families. I hope that you all will be able to help us throughout this time. Many hands make these times less stressful for all

In October, we will have two fundraisers, a yard sale on Oct. 21 and O'Club Fall Fun Festival Oct. 28. Both events will help us raise money for our Christmas packages that we will be sending in November. If you have a few minutes to help with these let us know. Operation Holly Daze IV will begin collecting items for these packages Oct. 31 and will finish with packing boxes on Nov. 9. This is a fun time so please join us. Our soldiers really appreciate these.

Mary Fran LeMar Lemarho@aol.com



**ACS Employment Readiness – Jumpstart** Your Job Search: With Proven Strategies that Work! -Jumpstart on your job search by learning valuable, powerful methods and techniques to land your ideal job! This class will cover common job seeker pitfalls, how to utilize the F.O.C.U.S. method, proven techniques to strategize and evaluate your search plan, practical goal-setting exercises, and advice on how to maximize your time to develop an efficient fullcircle job search strategy. Avoiding the job search blues will also be covered. October 24, 1330-1530, November 14, 1330-1530. Call 568-1132 to sign up. Free child care available with advanced registration with the Child Development Center.



#### Blood drive date announced

The blood bank has set November 8 as the next donation day. The Blood Bank is also now able to take appointments. Interested donors can log onto <a href="https://www.militarylifeforce.com">ww.militarylifeforce.com</a> and schedule their appointment, this way they can be seen right away. All blood collected will go for the supply needed for our deployed soldiers and for patient needs at the WBAMC. Please consider give at this time. Blood given to a civilian Blood Bank does not go toward our requirements for our military soldiers and families. WBAMC will have to buy it back if we have a need for blood units to fulfill our demand. Go to <a href="http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil">http://www.militaryblood.dod.mil</a> for eligibility.



# JOB FAIR

# OCTOBER 18th, 2006 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Centennial Club, Biggs Army Airfield

- Bring Copies of Your Resume
  - Dress for Success

Brought to you by:







#### Helpful Hints by Janet Lee Editor

It came to our attention that many of us are somewhat "inept" at dealing with the things that we usually come to depend on our spouse for. For example, one of our FRG "team members" assisted a friend whose car would not start. After a brief inspection, they found the battery cables corroded. Using a common household product — a can of soda, the friend and her car were well on their way.

Now, we've learned two things from this story. Soda will eat corrosion off battery cables – is it healthy? And sometimes a complicated problem (i.e. – car won't start) can be fixed with a simple solution.

This editor does not pretend to be a motor head or any other slang associated with car repair people. In fact, I have great respect for those who know their way around a car engine. However by driving a seven year old plus vehicle, I've had to make myself an expert in some matters.

The best advise I can give to someone is to make yourself an emergency kit. In this kit, provide yourself with jumper cables, extra engine oil and transmission fluid, a can of tire fix (also known by trade name Fix-A-Flat) an air pump which can be plugged into a cigarette lighter, flashlight, tape and a gallon of water. Hopefully if you have a flat tire or a dead battery, these things will help you get your car started and to a garage or friend for further help.

Education is also another great idea. Most installations, include Fort Bliss, have an Auto Skills Center. My best piece of advise is to run (or drive) to the Fort Bliss Auto Skills Shop at building 820 on Fort Bliss. The shop offers an Auto Maintenance and Safety class every Thursday evening at 6 p.m. and every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. The mechanics will teach you simple things, such as how to check your tire pressure and answer any routine maintenance question you may have.

For cost and other information, call 915-568-7280/1172.

Due to staffing shortages, WBAMC had to temporary close the Tel-A-Nurse (TAN) line on weekends. On Oct. 21, the TAN will re-open on weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Weekday hours will remain 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Nov.18, TAN hours will be back to 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. sevendays- a- week.

#### This & That:

#### VET CLINIC SERVICES

The Vet Clinic offers Walk-In Wellness clinics (vaccines, microchips, deworming, heartworm and feline leukemia tests) every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3:30 p.m. If you pet needs to be seen for something other than vaccines, we offer Sick Call appointments every Tuesday and Thursday – call 569-2266 to schedule an appointment. Lastly, our lobby hours for clearing, pet registration and for sale of Heartguard medications and flea and tick preventatives are Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m.

#### CDC SATURDAY OPENINGS

Main Child Development Center, Bldg 1730 is open on Saturdays from 1 p.m. to midnight. All parents wanting to use the center for any purpose on Saturday's can make reservations by calling 568-5689.

Fort Bliss Youth Services has activities for children of all ages. Youth who participate in the program must be registered at CYS. Activities include dance classes, martial arts, cheerleading, piano and swimming. Call 568-2617 for more information.

Mickelsen Community Library - hosts Read Me a Story every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. for children ages 2 through 5. The library also hosts Family Story Time for 2 through 6 year old on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. Each session lasts 30-45 minutes. The library is located in the basement of E wing, Hinman Hall, Bldg. 2 on Fort Bliss. A parent or guardian must stay with the child. For more information, call 568-6156.



#### DEPLOYMENT & REDEPLOYMENT INFORMATION

#### 3 Free Hours of Childcare for **Deployed Families**

- Contact the Childcare Center at 568-4374 for more information.
- ·Registration at the Childcare Center is required.
- A copy of the deployed spouse's orders is required.

**WBAMC Chapel Services** 

Weekly M-F 1205 Catholic Mass

1st Saturday of the Month Catholic

Weekend Catholic Mass Saturday 1700

Sunday Catholic Mass 0835 and again

#### Tips for Surviving a Deployment

- Get plenty of rest
- Exercise
- •Use whatever type of communication (email, letters, tapes, etc.) that is available to your soldier
- ·Learn a new skill
- •Get to know your neighbors
- ·Go out occasionally with your friends
- •Get a sitter or child swap with a friend and go shopping
- Stick to your child's routine
- •Break up the week with a special activity
- . Don't watch the news all the time
- ·Go to your FRG meeting

#### **Homecoming Coping** Strategies

- Don't play who had it worst
- Stay flexible
- Avoid Criticism
- Anticipate fatique
- ·Focus on the positive
- ·Go slowly
- Watch finances
- Expect Chance
- Plan family togetherness



#### **PWOC: Protestant Women of the Chapel**

#### (Ft. Bliss Ladies Christian Fellowship)

- ·When: Wednesdays 0930-1200 Where: Religious Activities Center (Pershing & Merit), but meet at the Chapel (next to the RAC) first for Praise & Worship
- · Free Childcare available at both meeting times with "home school" rooms available in the morning
- · Everyone Welcome!! Join us for Praise & Worship, Fellowship & Food, Bible Study & Prayer.
- •For more information contact Lisa @566-9565

### Sunday Protestant Service 1000

#### 212 CSC

Mass 1205

Only

at 1135

Rank, Soldiers Full Name 212 CSC FOB Summerall

APO-AE 09393

#### MNF-1

Rank, Soldiers full Name MNF-1 Surgeon's Office Victory

APO AE 09342 650th ASG

Rank, Soldiers full Name FOB Caldwell (IAG) APO AE 09324

#### 704th SB/4ID

Rank. Soldiers full Name C704SB 4ID Unit#42502 APO AE 09361-2502



#### MN C-1

(Rank) Soldiers Full Name MNC-I Surgeon Office APO-AE 09342-1400

#### MNSTC-1

Rank, Soldiers Full Name MNSTC-I Health Affairs APO-AE 09348

#### 1-6th INF/!AD

Rank & Soldiers Full Name HHC1/6INF APO AE 09330

#### 704th SB/4ID

WBAMC DEPLOYED SOLDIERS' MAILING ADDRESSES

Rank & Soldier's Name C 704 SB 4ID Unit # 42502 APO AE 09361-2502

#### 1-61st CAV

Rank & Soldier's Name HHC, 4th BTC Unit #41505 APO AE 09390-1505

#### 14th CSH (Bagram)

Rank, Soldiers Full Name 14th Combat Support Hospital Task Force Med Apo AE 09354

#### 2/8 INF/4 ID

Rank, Soldier's Name Medic Station HHC,2-8 INF BN, 4ID Unit: NC 24 APO AE 09312

#### 1-22INF/4th ID

Rank, Soldier's Name HHC, 1-22 Infantry, Medics Unit # 42506 APO AE 09361-2506

#### 981st Med Det

Rank, Soldier's Name 981st Preventive Medicine Detachment Camp Buehring, Kuwait APO AE 09330

#### 14th CSH (Kandahar)

Rank, Soldiers Full Name 14th Combat Support Hospital APO-AE 09355

#### 14th CSH (Salerno)

Rank, Soldiers Full Name 14th Combat Support Hospital APO AE 09314



#### What is a Power of Attorney?

#### by MAJ Paul Lee

Center Judge Advocate

Large corporations conduct business through designated, authorized agents. Individuals too, may designate legal agents to conduct their affairs, by executing a power of attorney (POA).

A POA is a legal document through which you designate an agent to perform those acts you specify with the same legal affect as though you, yourself, done so. A grantor is the person giving authority in a POA and the agent is the person to whom the authority to act is given. Acts taken by your agents are legally binding on you, the grantor. During a deployment, PCS moves, periods of hospitalizations, or absences from family or home, POAs are useful tools that enable your important affairs (finances, health care, family) to be cared for.

POAs are broken down by scope and duration. The two types of POAs by scope are General Powers of Attorney (GPOA) and Special Powers of Attorney (SPOA). A GPOA is a broad grant of authority authorizing your agent to act on your behalf. Commonly, GPOAs grant authority to buy, sell, manage personal property (cars, bank accounts, investments, household goods), real property (land/homes), pay taxes, authorize child care or medical treatment, sign contracts, etc. A GPOA is often useful between spouses during prolonged deployments or absences or during PCS moves. Because of their breadth in scope, the potential for GPOAs to be abused to the grantor's disadvantage is greater than more limited SPOAs. Therefore, a GPOA should only be given to someone you really trust and for a relatively short duration.

In contrast, a SPOA normally only authorizes your agent to perform one or a few specifics acts on your behalf. Common examples include receiving/shipping household goods; buying, selling, or registering vehicles; accessing a financial account; authorizing child care or medical treatment; making healthcare treatment decisions for a person; or signing closing documents to buy or sell a house.

By exception, a durable POA remains in effect even after the grantor becomes incapacitated or mentally disabled. A Health Care POAs, SPOAs designated a person to make decisions about your medical care, are a common example of a SPOA that would be a durable POA. Normally, the only time you need someone to make health care decisions for you is if you *are* incapacitated and unable to make decisions for yourself. GPOAs or SPOAs can be durable.

Finally, POAs must be properly created to be effective. To be properly executed, they must be witnessed by a notary.

Remember, caution should be used when giving someone a POA because you are liable for your agent's actions. if your agent signs a loan application or contract, you, the grantor, are legally liable to repay the loan. Your agent should be a mature person whom you trust. You should provide extraordinary caution when providing a POA to someone other than a parent, spouse or sibling. POAs, when properly used, are effective tools in your legal tool kit to make sure your property, children, and even your health, are cared for when you are unable to care for them yourself.

POAs can be obtained on a walk-in basis at the Fort Bliss Legal Assistance Office located in Building 113 on Pershing Road. The walk-in days and times are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Friday 0900-1200 and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 1500-1630.

For specific questions or legal advice tailored to your situation, you will need to schedule an appointment to speak with an attorney by calling the office at 568-7141 or 568-6513. The CJA office at WBAMC can perform his service in-house for in-patients at the hospital.

Normally, GPOAs and SPOAs automatically terminate if the grantor becomes incapacitated or mentally disabled AFTB Classes

For more information call 568-AFTB

All classes take place at the ACS Bldg. 2494, Ricker Road.

Level 1

Nov. 7-8 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Level 2

Nov. 14-16 6-9 p.m.

#### **Instructor Training**

Nov. 28-30 9 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

#### Did you know?

If an enlisted soldier takes any of the AFTB (Army Family Team Building) Levels he/she receives a certificate of training. Level I has 8 hours of training, Level II has 20 hours of training and Level III has 18 hours of training They must submit these certificates to their PAC office (personnel) and then they are awarded promotion points based on the number of training hours they have and their MOS.





#### **Editors Notes**

# Would Mr. Murphy please leave!

Do you know Murphy? Yes, that guy who always rears his ugly head making the simplest task turn into a major crisis? How do you handle Murphy? For me, it's a hit and miss operation. Usually I let Mr. M (as he will be known henceforth) get the best of me, wrecking my schedule and ruining all planning.

For example, take this newsletter. I was ready. I had my templates in place, I was all set to get this thing off my desk in record time. Enter Mr. M. who decided to corrupt some files, making me move back to square one and getting the best of me and my schedule. Sorry for the late timing but I am proud to be your newsletter editor and hope to remove Mr. M (and his corruption) from here soon!

This is the season that things start hopping. If you're looking for something to do, look no further than our own FRG. Not only do we have many events going (i.e. – Holly Daze, Yard Sale, Harvest Fest) we're also looking for a few willing folks ready to pitch in and lend a hand.

Like to write? I'll gift you with a newsletter column. Do you enjoy talking to people and meeting people? Volunteer to help as a Point of Contact for the FRG? There are many jobs available and willing hands make fast work. If you want to get involved, contact Mary Fran at lemarho@aol.com.

Another event I would like to remind you of is our annual holiday formal. Now I'm not a formal person but even I had a good time last year! Huge turn out, good food and an excuse to put on something besides blue jeans and tennis shoes. I think the thing that thrilled me the most was the groups of spouses who decided that since their significant other couldn't make the party, it shouldn't spoil their fun. Don't forget to mark Dec. 9th on your calendars now!

That's all from the



#### **HUGS BACK HOME**

A pre-deployment workshop for soldiers and family members

Create a stuffed friend with the ones you love

For More Information, call Kendra at 855-0722 or info@hugsbackhome.com

# Upcoming Federal Holidays & Training Holidays:

Training Holiday, Thursday 9 November.

Friday, 10 November Veteran's

Thursday, 23 November Thanksgiving Friday, 24 November

Monday, 25 December Christmas Day Observed

Tuesday, 26 December

#### Kudos go out to...

Kudos to Deb Carrasco for doing the Aug/Sept newsletter while we searched for our new editor. She continues to post our newsletter online and does a great job. Thank you. Kudos also to Cindy Barrington (treasurer) and Deb Kembro (secretary) for continuing to keep us legal as well as recording what goes on at our monthly meetings. We couldn't do without you! Thank you to 1SGT Christopher Kuklock and the WBAMC NCOs for helping put on a very successful car wash! You guys and gals are

the best!

La Contessa Presents

A Pink Ribbon Affair

Oct. 21 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Refreshments, silent auction preview, guest speakers, live classical music

Silent Auction 5-7 p.m.

Tickets - \$5. On sale now at La Contessa 5410 N.

Mesa

100 percent of auction and raffle ticket sales go to the Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

For more information call 760-8990 or visit www.lacontessainteriors.com

#### **Troop Command & Other Phone Numbers:**

Ft. Bliss Army Community Service.....568-1132

#### SEPTEMBER AWARDS

#### **ORDER OF MILITARY MEDICAL MERIT**

LTC CATHLEEN A. BURGESS

#### **ARCOM'S**

MAJ ANTONIA D. AUTRY ARCOM SVC

CPT JENNIFER D. LORILLA ARCOM PCS to 31st CSH

CPT JENNIFER ROBINSON ARCOM ACH

1LT HO SUN CHUN ARCOM ETS

1LT RANDY J. RAU ARCOM PCS to Fort Stewart SGT ISRAEL OROZCO ARCOM PCS to Fort Sam SPC RICARDO ALCANTARA ARCOM PCS to Korea SPC SAMUEL K.B. ARHIN ARCOM PCS to Germany SPC DANNY HOLMES JR. ARCOM PCS to Korea

#### **AAM'S**

CPT ERIC G. VERWIEBE AAM SVC
1LT EMILIANA ESCUETA AAM SVC
2LT JOSE G. GUTIERREZ AAM SVC
SPC ULADZIMIR LARYOSHYN AAM ETS
SPC ANTONIO LUNA AAM ACH

#### **COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE**

JOHN A. BIELAWSKI CDR AWD DOROTHY MARIE ESTES CDR AWD

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JOHN A. BIELAWSKI CDR AWD DOROTHY MARIE ESTES CDR AWD

#### COIN

DANE WIRTEMBURG TRACEY DINH

#### **PATIENT SAFETY AWARDS**

MRS VICKI JACKSON
MRS MARY JENKINS

#### **YEARS OF SERVICE**

EARL G. BREVARD 40YRS
CECILIA RODRIGUEZ 40YRS
SARAH A. SMITH 40YRS
TYRA L. DEAN 30YRS
VANESSA JACKSON 30YRS
TERRY D. KAY 30YRS
JOHN W. DIGMAN 25YRS
DAU THI ZADAKIS 25YRS

**JOSE HERNANDEZ20YRS** 

#### **EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

ANGELA SCHOPPET-HOLT CERT

#### AMERICAN RED CROSS PAT ON THE BACK

ANN CIANCIO CERT/COIN



Welcome to CPT Jennifer Robinson our new Co. A Commander. Good luck to CPT Stuart Godwin on your future endeavors. Thank you for all your help!

## AUGUST AWARDS

ORDER OF MERIT

LTC CATHLEEN BURGESS

<u>MSM</u>

MAJ ROSANN M. BIERMAN MSM PCS to WBAMC SSG RAMON CASTANEDA MSM RET

**ARCOM'S** 

1LT JEFFREY SMITH PCS to WBAMC

SPC DAVID CARPELLA ETS

SPC ERIC PELKEY PCS to Camp Coiner SPC STEVEN TUCKER PCS to Ft Bragg

AAM'S

LTC CHRISTINE M. LEECH ACH

SPC MANUEL HERNANDEZ ACH

NCO/SOLDIER OF THE QUARTER

SGT DOUGLAS WESTBROOK AAM ACH
SPC MICHAEL SOLTER AAM(x2) A

SPC MICHAEL SOLTER AAM(x2) ACH
COMMANDER'S AWARD FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE

CECILIA FLORES-WILSON

**ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL FOR CIVILIAN SERVICE** 

DONNA PETTIT MARC SARVER

MCHM-PER

COIN

MR. DANE WIRTEMBURG

YEARS OF SERVICE

GILBERTO V. ROQUE 30YRS
CECILIA FLORES-WILTROUT 25YRS
JOSE E. RAMIREZ 25YRS
MAGDALENA A. TERRY 25YRS

CHARLENE L. WILL 25YRS JESUS C. LOPEZ 20YRS

**EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH** 

ROSALINDA CARREION CERT

AMERICAN RED CROSS
PAT ON THE BACK

DEBORAH ADRIAN CERT/COIN
MARY HETZ CERT/COIN
KATHERINE MCALLISTER CERT/COIN
LIN MOONEY CERT/COIN

CUSTOMER RELATIONS EXCELLENCE CERTIFICATE

CENTER INTEGRATED MEDICINE CERT

#### **Family Member Employment Assistance Program**

The military lifestyle presents unique challenges to military spouses who are looking for employment due to frequent relocations. Additionally, it is widely recognized that successful spouse employment assists in retaining the career Active Duty service member. As a result, The Family Member Employment Assistance Program (FMEAP) was created to specifically address the employment needs of today's military spouse by providing them with the tools they need to successful search for and obtain employment.

The FMEAP is located inside Army community Service, Bldg. 2594, Ricker Rd. Inside our office is a well-stocked library with books on careers, resumes, cover letters, interviewing, federal jobs, and entrepreneurship. One-on-one career counseling is available to help military spouses identify goals and the necessary steps to achieve them. Additionally, the FMEAP provides a referral service to local employers. We keep listings of current vacancies available throughout the community and offer classes specifically designed for military family members.

To register for classes sign up at ACS or Call Shannon Branson at 568-7088 or 268-2673.

#### Informative Websites

http://www.operationhomelink.org/ - Free computers for spouses or parents of deployed soldier in ranks E1 - E5.

https://store.primediamags.com/soldier2/service\_member\_pg.html- Free magazines, up to 3 choices, for deployers.

http://www.prweb.com/releases/2004/2/prweb1 06818.htm - freemail/gifts sent to children of deployed soldiers.

<u>https://www.operationuplink.org/</u> - Free phone cards.

http://anysoldier.com/ForSoldiersOnly.cfm - To sign up forsponsoring soldier care packages for theater. http://www.operationshoebox.com/ - free shoebox care package.

http://www.treatthetroops.org/ - free cookies. http://bluestarmoms.org/airfare.html - lowest airfare available.

http://bluestarmoms.org/care.html - free care packages.

Please visit <a href="www.blissmwr.com">www.blissmwr.com</a> for more information on regularly scheduled activities and MWR facilities.

http://www.estripes.osd.mil/ for the Stars and Stripes Newspaper

Army Once Source is a 24-7 information and referral service available to active duty and demobilized National Guard and Reservists, deployed civilians and their families world wide. www.armyonesource.com

http://66.241.249.83/ - free air

conditioners/heaters. <a href="http://www.heromiles.org/">http://www.heromiles.org/</a>

 free air travel for Emergency Leave, and for the family members of injured soldiers to travel to a medical facility.

http://www.bluestarmothers.org/airlinespecials.ph

p - Airlinediscounts for R & R.

http://www.booksforsoldiers.com/forum/index.php - free books,DVD's, CD's.

http://www.militarymoms.net/sot.html - free care packages (yourfamily member signs up to have sent to you).

http://operationmilitarypride.org/smsignup.html - free carepackages.

http://www.soldiersangels.org/heroes/submit\_a\_s oldier.php - getadopted to receive stuff.

https://www.treatsfortroops.com/registration/inde x.php - freegifts and care

packages.http://www.defenselink.mil/news/Nov20 04/n11232004\_2004112312.html - free

shipping/packing materials for shipping to troops. <a href="http://www.spousebuzz.com/">http://www.spousebuzz.com/</a> - virtual Family Support Group.

The post office will mail you priority boxes, labels, & tape free of charge. <a href="https://www.usps.com">www.usps.com</a> or 1800-610-8734

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